

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2017

Welcome back!

Welcome back to school! We hope that you all had a very enjoyable and restful February holiday! As usual the next half term is extremely busy with lots of exciting events planned in the run up to Easter.

National Storytelling Week



We planned a series of exciting and creative activities to celebrate National Storytelling Week in school during the week beginning the 30th January. The week began with a visit from Ruth, who is a Drama Coach at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy. Our children had a brilliant time, leaping into a world of amazing stories and being

whisked away on their own storybook adventure. Ruth really captured the children's imaginations! Our Year 2 children chose some of their favourite books from our fantastic school book collection, and read them to our Year 1 and Reception children, who loved listening to the children read with such expression! We also had a visit from the children in Year 5 and 6 from Moorlands Junior School who came to read stories to the children. Our children really enjoyed working with the Key Stage Two children. We were also very lucky to have a number of parents and carers who came in to school to read their own favourite stories to the children. Thank you for giving up your time. It is these experiences which really help to build up our children's love of literacy and reading.



World Book Day

Don't forget that this coming Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as a storybook character of their choice for the day and will enjoy story-based activities. We look forward to seeing lots of different characters in the playground on Thursday morning! Further information about World Book Day can be found at:

www.worldbookday.com

Year 2 Cake Sale

Our next mouthwatering cake sale will be on Friday 3rd March, when it will be the turn of our Year 2 children to bring in some tasty cakes. Future cake sale dates can be found on this newsletter and on our school website.

Templemoor Memories

Do you have any special memories of being a child at Templemoor, or do you know of any friends or family who attended Templemoor in the past? If so, we would love to hear your stories. We do have a section on our website, 'Templemoor Memories', which we are hoping to fill! Please send any memorable stories or photographs to admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!



Keeping Children Safe in School



The safety and well-being of children is paramount to all that we do at Templemoor. School policies and procedures are in place to ensure that all members of the school community can work together in a way that supports safeguarding for all. All policies relating to safeguarding are available on the School website. Hard copies of policies are kept in school and can be seen on request.

There are key members of staff who have responsibility for all safeguarding issues in the school. All concerns are reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Hodgson, (or Mrs Brown in his absence) who has the responsibility of making sure that proper procedures are followed to address the concerns raised. However, all school staff do have a duty to report any concerns that they may have or anything brought to their attention by a child or another member of the school community. The School also has a safeguarding governor, Mrs Davenport, who comes into school regularly to ensure that all safeguarding policies, procedures and action plans are reviewed and updated. All staff have Safeguarding Training every year, as well as Prevent Training, which deals with safeguarding against extremism and radicalisation. If you have any questions or comments to make about any aspect of safeguarding we are more than happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact the school office. Thank you.



Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are once again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. These vouchers help us to get a range of new sports equipment for school. Please send in as many as you can. Vouchers are available from Sainsbury's stores until the 3rd May 2017. Thank you!

Sale Food Bank Collection

As Easter approaches we would like to take the opportunity to further support our local Foodbank. We have arranged for a Foodbank representative to come to school at the end of this term to meet the children and to talk about the vital work that they do. We would like to organise a collection of Easter eggs and other items to give to the Foodbank. There is a particular shortage of tinned sponge puddings, fruit juice, tinned custard and sugar.

If you think you could support this important cause, then please send in any of the above donations by Monday 27th March. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



Year 2 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children are invited to join us in the school hall on Tuesday 14th March at 9:05am for our Year 2 Assembly. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Celebration Assembly

On a Tuesday we have a Celebration Assembly to celebrate the great work that goes on outside of school. It is a lovely opportunity for children in Year One and Year Two to bring in certificates or trophies from any out of school activities to share in this assembly. We have already had a wide range of awards brought in by the children this year from football awards and swimming certificates, to bravery awards and Blue Peter badges! We look forward to seeing what our talented children have been up to next!

Volunteers in School

We are always grateful to parents/grandparents who offer help on a regular basis. If you would like to help in school please let your child's class teacher know. If the company you work for have any resources, schemes or projects which you think would benefit our school please get us involved!

Red Nose Day 2017

Our School Council are currently selling Red Noses priced at £1 each. They are proving to be very popular so get yours while they last!

Spring Term Parents Evening

We will be holding Parents Evening this term for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on two evenings - Tuesday 21st March and Tuesday 28th March from 3:45pm to 7pm. Our online booking system will open to parents from Monday 6th March 2017. If you need any help with logging on to the booking system then please contact the office. Thank you.

Safer Internet Day 2017

Recent research has revealed that one in three children aged 5 and upwards now own their own tablet computer, with four in ten children aged 5+ going online. At Templemoor we strongly believe in educating our children from an early age on 'how to stay safe online' and we have established e-safety lessons within school. This year Safer Internet Day was on 7th February and every class had a special e-safety lesson about using the computer safely to access the internet. We also have an e-Safety section on our website where you can find the latest advice on how you can educate your child to keep safe online as well as other useful e-safety information and resources. Please click [HERE](#) to visit our website.



A Message from the Governors



Hello everyone. I am Maureen Haddock one of Templemoor Infant's Governors. I have the pleasure of taking oversight of the school's work in English and also Early Years.

Last month I met with the Deputy Headteacher and we discussed developments with the new handwriting scheme, reading and phonics. We looked in detail at a range of children's work in their books. We were particularly interested in the marking of children's work and the way in which it helps children to learn. It's such a pleasure to look at the children's books across all age groups and the progress they make through the year groups. Looking at the children's books is such a privilege and really gives an insight into the work of teachers and the children's learning.

On another occasion in January I met Mrs Cundick for a Learning Walk in Early Years. This involved myself and Mrs Cundick observing the children working and playing in Reception and in Nursery. We try not to intrude on the children's learning or the teachers' teaching. Mrs Cundick is able to point out new developments, organisational arrangements and makes reference to plans that are written in the whole School Development Plan which is regularly presented and referred to at our Governing Body Meetings. In this way we as Governors get to know the school and the learning

that takes place. We are able to understand better the challenges and issues that we hear about and discuss at Governing Body meetings.

Maureen Haddock - Co-opted Governor

Writing Workshop with Trafford College

We are hoping to run a Creative Writing Workshop for parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2, taking place over three weeks, on Friday 12th, 19th and 26th May from 1:15pm - 3:15pm. This interactive course will help you and your child with creative writing. You will learn how to get started, and how to develop characters and plot using a range of creative tools so that you can support your child with writing for pleasure at home. There is no charge, but 100% attendance is expected. Further details to follow soon!

Reception Singing Concert

The children in Reception are enjoying their weekly singing lessons with Mrs Shepherd. The sessions are a lot of fun, with music and movement too! Reception parents and carers are invited to a special Reception Concert in the school hall on Monday 20th March 2017 at 2:30pm where the children will showcase the magnificent work that they have been doing.

Dates for the Spring Term/ Summer Term 2017

Wednesday 1st March 2017	Year 1 Assembly at 9:05am Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:30pm
Thursday 2nd March 2017	World Book Day
Friday 3rd March 2017	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 14th March 2017	Year 2 Assembly at 9:05am
Sunday 19th March 2017	Friends of Templemoor Family Spring Trail
Monday 20th March 2017	Reception Singing Concert at 2:30pm
Tuesday 21st March 2017	Parents Evening
Friday 24th March 2017	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 28th March 2017	Parents Evening
Wednesday 29th March 2017	Easter Egg Hunt School breaks up for the Easter holiday at 3:15pm
Tuesday 18th April 2017	Back to school for the Summer Term!
Thursday 27th April 2017	Class Photographs
Monday 1st May 2017	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 5th May 2017	Reception Cake Sale
Friday 12th May 2017	Creative Writing Workshop Part 1, 1:15pm - 3:15pm
Friday 19th May 2017	Creative Writing Workshop Part 2, 1:15pm - 3:15pm
Friday 26th May 2017	Creative Writing Workshop Part 3, 1:15pm - 3:15pm School breaks up for the Whit holiday at 3:15pm
Monday 12th June 2017	Back to school!
Friday 16th June 2017	NSPCC Den Building Day
Saturday 8th July 2017	The Summer Fair
Friday 28th July 2017	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9am

Spring Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Closes	Friday 10th February 2017
Opens	Tuesday 21st February 2017
Closes	Wednesday 29th March 2017

Summer Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 18th April 2017
School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 1st May 2017
Closes	Friday 26th May 2017
Opens	Monday 12th June 2017
Closes	Friday 28th July 2017

Staff Training Days – School will be closed to children

Monday 5th September 2016
Friday 21st October 2016
Thursday 22nd December 2016
Friday 23rd December 2016
Monday 20th February 2017